

## RI Baker Middle School

### School Council Agenda

November 8, 2016

1. Call to order-6:32pm
2. Attendance-Robyn Henderson, Amy Hass, Shannon Little, Cindee Nyrose, Diane Gallagher, Bonnie Dyck, Debbie Laturus, Esther Willms, Krista Gaskell, Jody Knapp, Shannon Kasko
3. Additions to the Agenda-none
4. Approval of Agenda  
Motion to approve: Shannon Kasko  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Bonnie Dyck  
Additions: none
5. Approval of Minutes from Sept. 20, 2016  
Motion to approve: Jody Knapp  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Diane Gallagher
6. Reports
  - i. Trustee's report  
Operational Review: On November 3, the board received the report from the review panel. It is a 200 page document that the board has now started working through. The board called a special meeting today, and have another one scheduled for Nov 23 to continue discussions. The board takes the report seriously, and will continue to work through the 21 recommendations. The board is looking at having consultation with the public sometime in Dec. From the recommendations, the board will be reviewing policies and are looking for feedback from stakeholders to help in this process. A suggestion was made that the board set a date for either Dec or Jan, so public has time to plan as well as sees intent to act.  
Community Meeting Opportunities: 4 schools/year have won a lunch on the board. The board is considering making those lunches into full days, where time is spent at the school watching presentations from students, hearing the bands play, and conversing with staff.  
Enrollment: Enrollment count as of September 30 is 8211 Palliser students. That is up from the projected number. The board will look at Coaldale utilization numbers at the December 20 board meeting, to determine options to better utilize space. Mr. P was invited to attend this meeting.

Leadership Conference: Will be held on November 9, starting at 9:00am at the U of L gym.

Ministry of Education is looking for feedback from parents regarding the curriculum overhaul. There is a survey that can be accessed online at [curriculumsurvey.alberta.ca](http://curriculumsurvey.alberta.ca).

- ii. Chairperson report  
Council of Councils meeting has been postponed.  
Flyers with council meeting dates were handed out to parents at the welcome evening in September.
  
- iii. Principal's report – Krista Gaskell Mr. Prebushewski's absence.
  1. Mr. Prebushewski sent his regrets, as he was unable to attend the meeting. He is working with The Discover U leaders at the Lethbridge Lodge. They are preparing for Wednesday's main event.
  2. **Hockey bag storage** – The fire inspector went through the Hockey academy room at the rink and found the amount of bags to be a hazard. RI Baker will need to find an alternate place to keep student's bags in the upcoming future. For now, Mr. Smith has communicated with parents the problem and the consequence if the bag is to be left at the rink. This was all explained in a newsletter sent home to be signed and returned. Students have been doing well, with only one or two cases where a student has forgotten. Dialogue has already been started with the town to come up with a solution. As we get more information, we will pass it on to parents. Mr. Smith thanks all parents and students for their understanding and communication.
  3. **We day** – Students from RI Baker Middle School attended We Day in Calgary. We Day is a very large event held at the Calgary Saddledome. This one-day event celebrates leadership and positive change. Many famous leaders from around the world presented at this event. RI Baker was offered this opportunity by Zoey R of the KA SLC. Mr. Prebushewski thanks KA for their generosity and support! As a thank you, RI Baker will be supporting a fundraiser for KA in the upcoming months.
  4. **Discover U** – All grade 7 and 8 SLC students at RIBMS will be attending the Palliser Discover U Student Leadership Conference. This is a one-day event held on Wednesday. 500-600 students from around the province will be in attendance. Mr. Prebushewski sits on the committee for this district-wide event and is excited for this opportunity for kids.
  5. **Breakfast Club** – RIBMS and the SLC will be starting the breakfast club again this year. It will be on Mon, Wed. & Fri and will promise more variety than previous years. This program is made possible by a Breakfast for Learning Grant we receive from McCain's.

6. **Author Visits** – To support our ongoing commitment to literacy at RIBMS, we hosted two separate author visits, Sigmund Brouwer and Eric Walters. Both authors are very accomplished and had students motivated to read more! We were very lucky to have them at RIBMS.
7. **Remembrance Day at Baker** – On November 10 at 10:00am, RIBMS will hold our Remembrance Day Ceremony. We will begin in the gym and then move to the cenotaph to lay our wreaths. We welcome all to attend. A cynervice went out with information to families earlier this week.
8. **School Goals** – Krista read the RIBMS school goals for the 2016/17 school year. She also shared some of the strategies and measures.
  - Goal #1- Students reading below grade level or at risk, will improve. Strategies to achieve this goal include: literacy targets, LKI kits, words their way work, reading best fit books, etc.
  - Goal #2-% of parents who agree that teachers care about students will increase (from accountability pillar survey). Strategies to achieve this goal include: recognition assemblies for students, discussion of at-risk students at staff meetings, student reference letters sent home for resumes, family-liason officer to present on empathy, student leadership council, etc.

7. Old Business

- Storage issues, garage in parking lot solution? No update on this, as meeting regarding this will be held in Dec.

8. New Business

- none

9. Bouquets

Mr. Prebushewski would like to give a bouquet to all parents who came out for Parent/teacher interviews. Given our new configuration, we know it was tough to get all parents in but we are committed to making time for everyone. We have met as a staff to brainstorm different ways to organize our next set of meetings.

Robin Henderson would like to give a bouquet to Mrs. Conrad. While Robin was unable to get an appointment to meet with Mrs. Conrad for an interview, Mrs. Conrad still managed to pop out into the hall to chat for a few minutes.

Cindee Nyrose would like to give a bouquet to Mr. Willems, Mr. P, Mrs. Netzel for making We Day possible.

Bonnie Dyck would like to give a bouquet to all the RI Baker staff, for providing such a welcoming environment from a substitute teacher's perspective.

Jody Knapp would like to give a bouquet to Mrs. Holland, for taking extra time to help a student over the lunch break.

10. Next meeting dates (6:30 pm)

- January 17, 2017

- March 14, 2017
- May 16, 2017

11. Adjournment, 7:07pm

Motion to adjourn-Bonnie Dyck

2<sup>nd</sup>-Cindee Nyrose